Malta Canine Society Show – April 2004

Show Report - Judge Mr. Dennis Coxell.

It was a great pleasure for me to accept a judging appointment in Malta from the Malta Canine Society. The venue was light & airy, tiered seating, big floor space with carpets so well laid out, a vast table full of trophies and smart rosettes to be won. A very well organized show.

My first class was that of the Junior Handlers, nine entered, all so well presented, dogs and handlers, all worked very hard. My winner was Kurt Kind.

Best In Show was F&M.Borg's Cocker Spaniel, Canyonn Classic Dream At Framod, shown to perfection, most pleasing head and eye, so balanced, good topline, liked his outline, top quality.

Reserve Best In Show was K.Flores' Whippet, Nevedith Geefa Geepee At Florka, a real classic, right size, true movement, showed to perfection, just looked so right, two top quality dogs, just stood out from the rest.

Best Puppy In Show and Best in Working Group was the Great Dane, owned by J.Joyce, Tal- Beta Primrose At Jasa, so well collected for a youngster, best of heads & expression, got depth and body & outline, moved with good topline, good bone, sound on the move, a pleasure to go over.

Other top winners were: Reserve **Working Group:** O.Stafrace's Boxer, Ch.Yellowstone Buster, great style and substance, good head & eye, good chest & front, very sound, showed all the time. Reserve Best Puppy Working was V.Gatt's Samoyed, Roybridge Silva Nemesis, so good to go over, lovely expression, head & eye, most pleasing outline, good neck, lovely coat.

Terrier Group & Puppy Group winner was R&L.Mizzi's Bull Terrier, Aesir The Sky God,typical head, strong body, moved well. Reserve was the Local Fox Terrier, a dog with attitude & plenty of style.

Reserve **Best Gundog** was the G.S.H.P, S.Micallef's Quail Kira At Ghorghar, good clean outline, very sound, solid body, pleasing head & expressiuon. The Gundog Puppy Group was headed by the Pointer, F.Xuereb's Crokkrise Seil, just liked the promise of this youngster, needs more ring training. Reserve Puppy Gundog was H&M.Vella's Cocker, Moralis Ebony Star, did everything right, so well handled, sound mover.

Toy Group, this was a strong group. Best In Group was D.Hayman's Pug, Ch. Afterglow Grimley Fiendish, so solid, correct had & ears, moved so soundly, liked his body & balance. Reserve was the Chihuahua, Ch. Widogi Rocket Man, extremely good head & balance, good tail set, moved soundly. Toy Puppy Group winner was the Peke, Shayrik Good As Gold, promising youg puppy, is such a delightful character to judge, liked his head & expression. Reserve puppy toy was the Pug, so sound, again did everything right, unlucky to meet the winner, very close.

Utility Group & Puppy Group was won by Mr&Mrs.S.Saliba's French Bulldog, Chrishell Blanche Neige At Awesome Bulls, correct weight and such good muscle tone, most pleasing head, good pigment, good ear, a touch of quality. Reserve was the Toy poodle, M.Aquilina's Aedan Nick Of Time, all the finesse in the world, showed the best, good to go over, nice trim & coat. Reserve Best Utility Puppy was the Keeshond, V.Gatt's Neradmik Cassanova, good coat & balance, showed well, most pleasing head & expression.

Reserve **Hound Group** winner was A.Hili's Basset Hound, Ch.Richsomes Amazing Grace, good strong bone & body, most pleasing head, moved soundly. Best Hound Puppy was A.Hili's Basset, Danadri De Ja Vu, promising youngster, good head & bone, moved soundly. Reserve Hound Puppy was E.Pace's Bllodhound, Cammonstone Hussar At Emmcar, moved so soundly for it's breed, nice balanced head.

Dennis Coxall.